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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Page 2, Column 1,

References Cited, under FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS,
delete "JP 0 782 022 A1 7/1997" and insert in place thereof
--EP 0 782 022 A1 7/1997 --.

Drawings,

In the drawings, please delete Sheet 4 of 5 and insert in place thereof the attached
-- Sheet 4 of 5 -- to include omitted Fig. 5.

Column 7,

Line 49, delete "be" and insert in place thereof -- the --.

Column 8,

Line 8, delete "to" and insert in place thereof -- the --;
Line 24, after the first occurrence of "splint" insert -- , --;
Line 32, delete "tan" and insert in place thereof -- than --.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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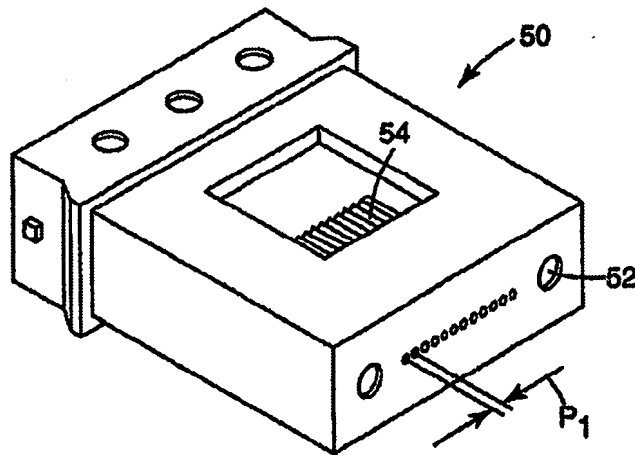


Fig. 5

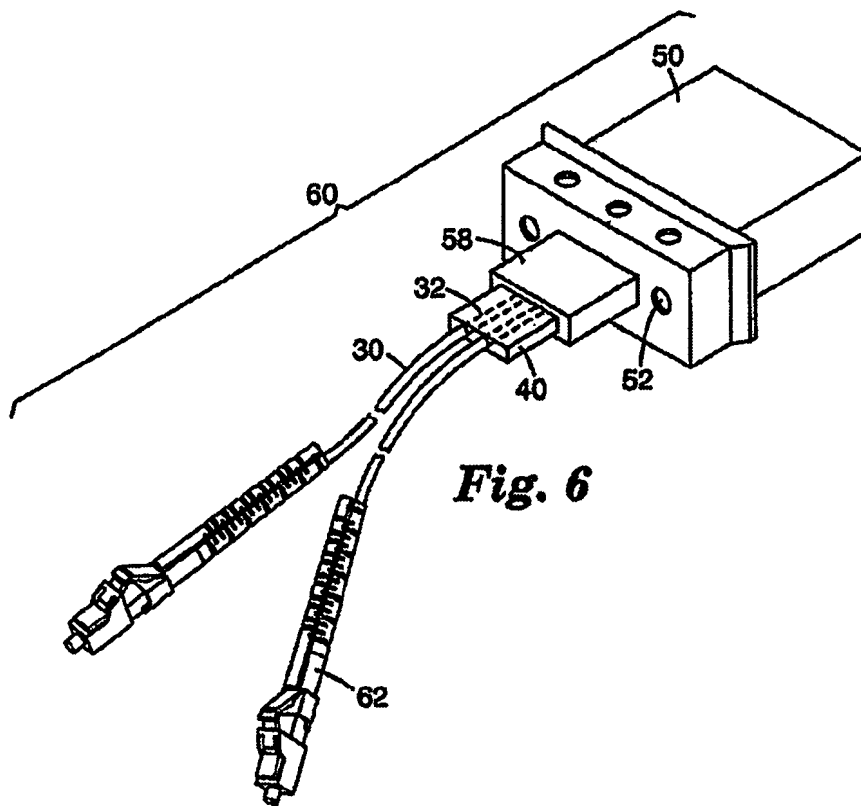


Fig. 6